

Please do not relax the current standards regarding multiple ownership of media outlets. This not only reduces consumer choice in terms of news and programming available, but also compromises public safety and reduces jobs at the local level by allowing large media distributors to send the bulk of their programming from remote locations via satellite while maintaining a skeleton staff on site. It is the belief of most people who follow this issue that it is a bad direction for the adequate distribution of local news and opinion, and for the availability of quality employment for tens of thousands of media professionals of all types.